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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/500,306	Applicant(s) FERNANDEZ GONZALEZ ET AL.	
	Examiner Ives Wu	Art Unit 1713	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 14-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18 and 22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 14-17, 19-21, 23- 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 14-25 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-13 are cancelled.

Amendments

(1). The applicant's amendments filed on December 9, 2005 has been received with the following results.

Claim 19 is amended to depend from claim 14. Claims 21 and 23 are amended to depend from claim 15. The total claims in Group I are 14-17, 19-21, and 23-25 as currently presented.

Election/Restrictions

(2). Applicant's election with traverse of Group I, claims 14-17 and 19-21, 23-25 in the reply filed on November 7, 2005 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the independent claims direct to a product, as well as use of that product, they form a unity of invention. This is not found persuasive because the process of use is for lubrication as well.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(3). It is noticed that the filing date of this application January 12, 2005 is beyond 18

months period from filing date of PCT/EP02/14784 December 27, 2002, also beyond the 30 months period from the Foreign priority filing date December 27, 2001. Therefore, the publication of Gonzalez et al (WO 2003-056061A2) is available as a prior art reference. See MPEP Section 1893.

(4). Claims 14-17, 19-21 and 23-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gonzalez et al (WO 2003056061A2).

The disclosure of Gonzalez et al (WO 2003056061A2) anticipates every word of the instant Application. Thus, the claims 14-17, 19-21 and 23-25 are rejected.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ives Wu whose telephone number is 571-272-4245. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on 571-272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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